

Shorkey, Hedwig B.

Hedwig B. "Hattie" Shorkey, 96, of Clio, died Saturday, May 31, 2008 at Medilodge of Montrose. Hattie was born on April 6, 1912 and raised in Detroit, daughter to the late Francis and Maryanna (Broda) Syper and was the third of ten children. She attended St. Hedwig School until the eighth grade when she went to work in a laundry to help support her family. Later she worked for US Rubber.

She married Bruno Cherney in 1939, had three children and lived in La Crescenta, Calif. for five years. In 1951, Hattie moved back to Detroit with her children. She then married Delmont Shorkey and had a fourth child. She raised her family in Flint while working for Ternstedt. As her children grew older, she attended many enrichment classes, upholstery classes and specialized her sewing skills. She also attended night school and earned her high school diploma. After retiring from Ternstedt, Hattie attended and graduated from Flint Barber College. She worked at Don's Barbers Shop in Flushing for many years before retiring to Caseville. After her husband's death, Hattie divided her time between her family in Clio, New Baltimore and Cape Cod, Mass.

Hattie lived a hard working and active life. She loved sewing, gardening, bowling (with the big balls), fishing in Caseville and Martha's Vineyard and playing cards, being the "Skip-Bo Queen." She more recently was a member of the Clio Senior Center, "The Over 80's Group" at the Dennis Senior Center in Mass., and All Saints Parish in Flint for many years. Hattie was a very loving and giving mother and grandmother. She practiced tithing and was a lifelong contributor to the Leader Dogs for the Blind and Boysville.

She is surviving by a son, Frank Cherney of New Baltimore; three daughters Roberta (Jerry) Rooney of Clio, Denise Kassarian of Mass., Michele (Gary) Szewczyk of Clio; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two sisters and a brother, Ann Graham, Alex (Illah) Syper and Johanna Gibson.

She was preceded in death by a daughter-in-law, Judene; two brothers; and four sisters. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 4, 2008 at Saints Charles and Helena Catholic Church in Clio, Fr. Gerald J. Ploof officiating. Burial will be at St. Roche's Catholic Cemetery, Caseville.

Visitation will be from noon to 9 p.m. on Tuesday at the O'Guinn Family Funeral Home in Clio where a vigil service will be at 7 p.m. She will lie in state from 9 a.m. until time of Mass on Wednesday at the church.

Contributions may be made to Leader Dogs for the Blind or Boysville of Michigan c/o Holy Cross Children's Services.

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